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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. REFTEL, CONSISTING OF US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN IRAQ, ARRIVED HERE ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO, SHORTLY AFTER I DID. THE INTERVENING WEEKS HAVE BEEN USED IN MEASURING THE STATED POLICY OBJECTIVES AGAINST THE ACTUALITIES OF THE SITUATION. I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT ALTHOUGH SOME OF THEM ARE PERHAPS AMBITIOUS IN TERMS OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF ATTAINMENT, THEY ARE NONETHELESS FULLY DESERVING OF EVERY EFFORT THAT CAN BE MADE AND SHOULD BE ACCEPTED AS STATED.

2. THERE IS ONE CHANGE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE ON THE BASIS OF MY BRIEF EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, IN THE BELIEF THAT IT WOULD MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES HERE IN BAGHDAD. ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL OBSTACLES TO ACHIEVING ANY OF OUR GOALS (ASIDE FROM THE WIDE DIVERGENCE BETWEEN OUR BASIC POLICIES AND THOSE OF THE GOI) IS THE LACK OF MEANINGFUL CONTACT. WE HAVE ESSENTIALLY NO DEALINGS WHATSOEVER WITH DECISION-MAKERS, AND ONLY INFREQUENT OPPORTUNITIES

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TO SPEAK WITH WORKING LEVELS. SINCE MUCH OF WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IS TO BE ACHIEVED BY ENCOURAGING, INDUCING AND EXPLAINING, I PROPOSE THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

A. CREATE A NEW SECTION I, TO BE ENTITLED
"EXPAND CONTACTS WITH IRAQI GOVERNMENT." A SINGLE

ITEM WOULD BE PUT UNDER IT: "WIDEN AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF ACCESS TO IRAQI OFFICIALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES STATED BELOW."

B. CHANGE PRESENT SECTION I TO SECTION II AND RENUMBER OTHER SECTIONS.

C. CHANGE SECOND ITEM UNDER PRESENT SECTION I TO READ: "ESTABLISH A MORE MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH IRAQI OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY ON ISSUES..." AND CONTINUING AS NOW WRITTEN.

3. AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE, THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS NOT SUBSTANTIVE; NEITHER IS IT MERELY COSMETIC. WHATEVER CHANCE WE HAVE TO ENCOURAGE THE IRAQIS TO MODIFY MAJOR FACETS OF THEIR FOREIGN POLICY WILL DEPEND AT LEAST IN PART ON OUR ABILITY TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT IT.
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